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THE CASE OF ADMIRAL DEWEY.

When the shoddy rich from our Northern States used to pour over into Paris, shortly after the Confederate war, during the time of Louis Napoleon, they affected, as far as their vulgar comprehension permitted, the style and manners of the French. They spread abroad the idea that the American was not an Anglo Saxon but a composite product very like a Frenchman. Acquaintance with this kind of Franco American led the English to say that they could perceive no likeness to a Frenchman in him beyond the fact that he wore a moustache. This judgment would probably be revised now in view of the extraordinary manifestation by a considerable section of the people of the North of the trait for which Frenchmen are more noted than for the habit of wearing moustaches. There is no exhibition of fickleness in their history more complete and none so disgusting as that of the donors of the house to Admiral Dewey since they learned that he was going through the legal processes necessary to secure the descent of the property in the way he desired.

The incident will probably direct the attention of the American people to the despicable characteristics of the shoddy rich who came upon the stage as the outgrowth of the war's corruption. They were the people who staid at home, while their neighbors were fighting at the front, and improved the opportunity for making fortunes out of the necessities of those who were devoting their energies and their means to the public cause. It is this class of people who, it may be observed incidentally, have given Americans such an unenviable reputation in the capitals of Europe, and who, we believe, will be found to compose the bulk of the contributors to the fund raised for the purchase of the Dewey house. If the Admiral had been a Southerner of the same relative social grade he would have declined the gift. He has now discovered, to his sorrow, that, as soon as he took the "donors" at their word and began to treat the house as what they pretended that it was, a gift, his benefactors were revealed as mere seekers after notoriety who wanted their names published in the list of Dewey funders.

There is another phase of the matter to which the Admiral's brother-in-law, Mr. John R. McLean, calls attention. "The criticisms against Admiral Dewey," says Mr. McLean, "have been inspired by certain persons who, for well understood reasons, have little love for the Admiral. It is an insidious attack upon a representative American by hidden political foes."

We have not a particle of doubt that Mr. McLean has struck the truth in this. That being so, the question arises, why do the good people who gave the house permit the bad people who are working this political racket to create all the public sentiment in the matter? The chief reason is that it was not the good people who gave the house, but the notoriety seekers. The good people held aloof, not being "hero-worshippers" and toadies, and they feel that the present tempest is not their quarrel. The Admiral is reported as saying: "If I was so much of a hero then [when he arrived at New York] and the American people thought well enough of me to give me this house, why do not some of those people defend me now?" We must believe that the American people are not bad, and, therefore, that it was not the American people who gave him the house, but only the vulgar tuft-hunters. It is the nature of such people, as every observant person must have noticed, to feel that they thereafter own the recipient of their bounty. Such are the people who want to kiss "heroes;" such, the Boston woman who has framed the glove which she wore when Dewey shook her hand; such, the vulgarian "diplomats" who astonished their colleagues at the Treaty of Paris of 1898, by asking for the pens used by them that they might keep them as souvenirs. They had no existence in ante bellum America, and they have none in the South.

"America's Childlike Emotionalism"

"America's Childlike Emotionalism" is the way in which the English papers described the extraordinary scenes in New York on the occasion of Dewey's reception there less than two months ago. In view of the proceedings of the same people in the past few days, it will be interesting to recall the actions of some of them then.

Said a correspondent:

In their mad desire to get Dewey souvenirs today, hundreds of people backed at the columns along Fifth avenue, and then at the figures in the Triumphal Arch itself, until the police interferred. Not one of the gilded figures from Thirty fourth street was left intact. A man stripped an angel of her right wing and broke it in pieces for the crowd.

Women helped small boys to climb onto the pedestal of the statues and help in the work of destruction. They scrambled for the streamers of ribbon.

A boy with a big knife climbed up to the figure of Peace, and clipping off the finger of Industry, threw it to the crowd. Then he sawed off an ear from the baby in the group. He skipped around to the medallion of the Admiral, which a mother is holding in admiration for her son.

At the second stab Dewey's nose went flying through the air. The stampede for this treasure at length attracted the attention of two policemen, who reached the arch just as the boy was trying to sever from its body the head of the woman in the figure. At sight of the police the crowd scattered.

A Glorious Exploit

Baltimore Sun

General Otis can at last laugh his calumniators to scorn. He has gained a triumph of which any man might be proud. After nine months of desperate endeavor he has at length succeeded in capturing a woman's wardrobe! Mrs. Aguinaldo's clothes, packed in 12 barrels, were intercepted on Wednesday at San Nicholas by Lieutenant Johnson and troop M of the Third Cavalry. Mrs. Aguinaldo, with George Washington Aguinaldo, her infant son, escaped in a costume that is not specifically described and in a temper which can be readily imagined by any other lady. "Some other personal effects" were also captured at the same time by the daring Lieutenant Johnson, and though the press censor, with his usual judgment, has suppressed particulars regarding them for important state reasons, there can be little doubt that they included some of the belongings of George Washington Aguinaldo—among them his nursing bottle, from which he has been imbibing milk and rebellious Filipino sentiment, and the rattle which he has been traitorously and defiantly shaking at General Otis and the American troops.

It is difficult to overestimate the importance of this capture. The superficial bachelor may not realize its significance, but it is really a deathblow to the rebellion, as any married man can readily see. It is said the woman who hesitates is lost. It is a more solemn and terrible truth that the man is lost whose wife has been deprived of her whole wardrobe at one fell swoop. Hell hath no fury like a woman thus bereft. Many persons have heretofore been inclined to pity Aguinaldo pere, but now he will have the profound sympathy of the masculine sex throughout the entire world. What Mrs Aguinaldo will do to Mr. Aguinaldo when, in light marching order, she comes up with that fleet and evasive warrior is beyond the descriptive power even of a special war correspondent. Logically, it is his fault that her clothes are gone, because if there had been no war they would not have been seized, and clearly there is but one way by which the deep damnation of their taking-off can be atoned. No store clothes can be had in the mountains and morasses of Luzon, and to replace her outfit Aguinaldo must surrender to General Otis and secure free return for the enraged matron to the shops and dressmakers of Manila. Unmarried men may suppose that he has the alternative of refusing to obey Mrs. Aguinaldo. They will know better when they are married. No, the Philippine "rebellion" has not a leg left to stand on, and we shall hear in the course of the next few days that the hitherto defiant chief of the Filipinos, broken in spirit and with humbler views on the subject of home rule, is meekly suing for peace and some fall costumes for the sovereign of his household.

And all this has been brought about by General Otis's thorough knowledge of human nature and magnificent military strategy. Realizing that it was impossible for the American army ever to catch Aguinaldo, he determined to set on his track a Nemesis whom he could not escape, and he has made Mrs. Aguinaldo the instrumentality for humbling that haughty brave. Mr. McKinley may claim the credit of suggesting this splendid plan of campaign, as some of his advisers have sought to do with reference to Dewey's victory in Manila bay. But he and Otis need not quarrel over it, for as, in the language of Sobley, there was glory enough for everybody at Santiago, there were petticoats enough captured at San Nicolas to equip both General Otis and the President for the rest of their lives. We trust that when Otis returns to this country and is given a grand reception at the Capital this splendid achievement will be properly commemorated in a memorial arch and on the swords and loving cups to be presented to him. It might not be inappropriate, also, to perpetuate its memory on the McKinley and Otis coats-of-arms with a heraldic device representing 12 barrels of feminine apparel, a lady thinly clad but rampant, and a Filipino warrior meekly couchant at her feet. The very thought of glory thus enshrined ought to bring joy to the White House.

Adulteration in Food Increasing.

The United States senate committee, represented by Senator Mason, of Illinois, has resumed its investigation at New York into food adulteration.

Dr. Edward H. Jenkins, vice director of the Connecticut agricultural experiment station, declared that the general adulteration of food products had increased with the business competstion and the demand for cheap wares. In his five years' experience Dr. Jenkins said he had found only one adulterant that was poisonous and that was a coloring matter in a temperance drink. Cocoa shells, prune stones and the like, he said, were sold as spices. More than half the jellies examined were made of glucose and starch paste, colored with artificial coloring, flavored with artificial flavoring and preserved with salicylic acid. The cheaper grades of coffee were found to contain a large proportion of Canada peas, pea pellets, wheat middlings and chicory.

Dr. Jenkins presented for the instruction of Senator Mason a number of small bottles containing the coffee adulterants and imitation coffee beans, adulterated mustard which is 20 per cent. plaster of paris, pepper that is 75 per cent charcoal, sawdust and flour, and cayenne pepper that is less than 10 per cent. pure pepper.

Tomato catsup, the witness said, is made from the scores of the tomato artificially colored and preserved with salicylic acid. Of thirty samples of olive oil, twenty six were adulterated with cotton seed oil. Of twenty samples of beer tasted eleven contained salicylic acid, while of seven samples of ale, six were pure.

Speaking of the dyes used in the temperance drinks, Dr. Jenkins said experiments had shown that one glass of raspberry soda had sufficient analine dye to color a piece of flannel five inches square.

Chamberlain's Pain Balm Cures Others, Why Not You?

My wife has been using Chamberlain's Pain Balm, with good results, for a lame shoulder that has pained her continually for nine years. We have tried all kinds of medicines and doctors without receiving any benefit from any of them. One day we saw an advertisement of this medicine and thought of trying it, which we did with the best of satisfaction. She had used only one bottle and her shoulder is almost well.—ADOLPH L. MILLETT, Manchester, N. H. For sale by B. E. Sedberry & Sons.

Poor Admiral Dewey.

New York Sun.

At times as Dewey spoke, his voice grew so husky that his words were scarcely distinguishable and he was so nervous that he frequently arose and paced the floor.

"When I made over this house to my wife," he said, "I thought I was doing the most gracious act that an American gentleman could do. I thought the people had given me this house for me to dispose of as I chose. It seems that I was mistaken. I would never have sold it, nor given it, nor willed it, nor disposed of it in any manner whatsoever outside of my own family. But I did believe I had the right to give it to my wife or my son if I chose to do so.

"I would never have believed it possible," Admiral Dewey concluded with tears in his eyes, "that the American people, who made such a hero of me two months ago, could have, in this brief period, so turned upon me as to fill columns of papers with the worst sort of abuse. When I landed in New York I was told that nothing was too good for me; that anything that I could ask was mine. I asked no idolatry, I asked no applause. I had merely done my duty, and was ready to do it again. But I did ask one thing, which was to be let alone, to conduct my personal and domestic affairs as I saw fit, and this one simple privilege which I asked from the American people has been denied me.

"Where I was a hero two months ago I am now reduced to such a position that certain people cannot say things too villainous, too scurrilous about me, and no one defends me. If I was so much of a hero then, and the American people thought well enough of me to give me this house, why don't some of these people defend me now? If I had known how much trouble, how much abuse was to come upon me as the result of accepting this house, I would never have taken it at the hands of the American people. I do not intend to arraign the entire American people for the acts of a few. But I am hurt. I am cut to the quick. I never have felt so badly in my life. I want the American people to know it. I want them to know that if I could I would return to the contributors to the fund the house purchased with it. I would never in the world have accepted it if I had known what it would cost me. [What prevents the return of the house?]

"If I should feel tomorrow as I feel tonight, I would cut it all, throw up everything, go on the retired list and go abroad. In fact I feel so discouraged, so worn out tonight that I scarcely know what I will do. I hardly feel like living in a country where I can be attacked in so outrageous a manner without being defended by anyone. The American people are not through with me yet. When the American people wanted me to command a fleet and to sail into Manila harbor, I did my duty as I saw it, and as I believed a sailor should. And if they want me now, or at some future time, to command another fleet, my life and my sword are always at the disposal of my country."

"But," said the admiral, pointing to a local newspaper containing a number of letters abusing him, "when I think that in all probability the writers of these letters were the very ones who, two months ago, were professing the greatest love and admiration for me, and are now trying to rend me and my domestic happiness to pieces, it disgusts me with the whole affair. And if it were not for my country I would wish that I had never fought the battle of Manila, as I now wish I had never taken this house.

"When I accepted this house I thought it was a gift. I did not know that the people who contributed the money to buy it gave it to me with a string tied to it, or I never should have taken it. I never would accept anything with a string tied to it. I never have, and I never will. I owe a great deal to the American people, and perhaps the American people owe something to me, but, thank God, the American people don't own me, and I am still independent."

"When I was in command of the American fleet at Manila, and when I first arrived in this country, I felt that I was a public man, and that the public had a right to certain information about me and my movements, and I conscientiously tried never to deny such information to the public. But when it was all over and I retired to live in Washington I felt that I had once more become a private citizen, and that I had a right to live my own life as I pleased. Consequently it never occurred to me that any one could have even fancied cause for offense if I did not take the public to my confidence or consult with them in regard to transferring to my wife the property which they had presented to me. I could see no impropriety in it. Under the law the moment we were married she became possessed of one-third of it. I could not convey it or sell it without her consent.

"I understand that it is the custom in the majority of cases where homes are owned and occupied by American families that they stand in the name of the wife. Other American gentlemen have this privilege, why should I not have it."

"I feel so badly over this matter," Admiral Dewey said, "that I fear that I have expressed my feelings in a somewhat disconnected manner, but I have been so troubled and agitated today that I can scarcely collect my thoughts. All I wish to convey to the people is that I am greatly distressed at these attacks upon me, and that I deeply resent them."

Hon. D. H. McLean.

Says the Dunn Union:

The following paragraph is taken from the Raleigh Post of last Sunday:

"The Post announced some days ago that Hon. Dan Hugh McLean, the able representative of Harnett county, had been elected a director of the Deaf and Dumb and Blind Institutions in this city. Mr. McLean would readily serve the State wherever or whenever called, and serve it faithfully and well, but to accept this or any other 'office'—and these directorships have been construed to be offices—would necessitate his resignation as a member of the House, a position to which his fellow countrymen called him, and this he is unwilling to do. He will therefore not accept the position now tendered. We are pleased to know this. Mr. McLean is one of the most conservative members of the House, as he is one of its ablest and most useful; and as it will meet next June to consider most important matters, his high abilities and genuine old North Carolina courage and honesty will best serve the State in that body."

Mr. McLean is ever ready to give his service to the people of North Carolina, and to serve them in the sphere in which he can do them the most good, and we are glad to know that he declines to accept the above referred to office, for in so doing the county of Harnett, and the people of the State would lose one of the broadest thinkers and ablest men that graced the legislature of 1899 He can serve us best as a law-maker, and our people are glad that he declines to become a director in the institution referred to above.

TO ADDRESS THE OLD SOLDIERS.

Shelby, N. C., Nov. 14, '99

HON D. H. MCLEAN, Dunn, N. C.

My Dear Sir:—The old Confederate veterans of Cleveland Camp have instructed me to write you extending for them an invitation to be with them and deliver an address on the occasion of their annual re-union in Shelby on Thursday, Nov. 30th,—Thanksgiving Day. They are very anxious for you to come and all the old veterans hope to have the pleasure of listening to your eloquence. This Camp has a large membership and the crowd that will gather here for the re-union will exceed 1,500 if the weather is at all favorable. Hoping that you can be with us, I am most truly yours,

CLYDE R. HOEY.

The Divorce Plague.

Salisbury Truth.

In the halcyon days of old, when North Carolina and the other Southern States, though tolerating slavery, one of the "twin relics of barbarism," were not overrun with all the isms from a cooler climate which have flooded their borders from the surrender at Appomatox until now, the teachings of the Holy Scriptures upon the question of divorce were scrupulously followed. Then family ties were seldom disrupted. A divorced person was seldom seen and was always regarded with the greatest antipathy, and the guilty party with absolute abhorrence. Only the scriptural cause for divorce "a vinculo matrimonii" existed, and a divorce case was a "seven days' wonder." Now, however, divorces are as common as courts. A term is seldom held when there are not more cases than one, frequently a half dozen—sometimes more. If laxity in this important matter continues, we stand a good opportunity of rivaling the Nutmeg State, in which, it has been stated, one fourth of the marriages celebrated are afterwards annulled. The remedy is with the Legislature. At its next session, if it holds another, these true North Carolinians, white supremacy Democrats, proud of a noble ancestry and their sterling virtues, should return to the old scriptural standard—the only standard of right and virtue. The Index rejoices that the Presbyterians, in their general meeting have taken steps in this direction, and ventures the hope that all other christian bodies will follow their example.

BEAVER DAM ITEMS.

BEAVER DAM, Nov 22, 1899.

Beautiful weather in these Fall times, enough to make one happy if we do live in the back of the backwoods.

News is somewhat scattering this week.

No parties.

No weddings.

No more smiling bands organized.

No fights.

No court news.

Everybody well and happy, and all the rest gone 'possum hunting—quite a profitable industry, now a long ways above par.

Mrs. Chas. Edge is teaching school on Turnbull in district No. 4.

Timber cutters are expecting big prices for their product this winter. We hope this will be so for the country needs money, and timber is very scarce and hard to get now. If the buyers get a supply they will have to pay for it some better than they used to.

We saw in last week's OBSERVER that *Jumbo*, the clever Autryville correspondent, had received the intelligence that we had tried to join the Smiling Band three times. I am sorry that Jumbo got the thing mixed so bad. It would not have made any difference no way if Snips had not seen the piece. Snips in looking over the paper found it and got so mad that we were very sorry that it ever happened. Snips thought it was a blow at the Smiling Band, as he is so very sensitive any way till he takes everything that happens to be a blow for this "devoted band." He believes the war in South Africa is meant for the Smiling Band. He is ready to fight England right now, and fully believes he could give her a right down good thrashing, so if Jumbo had come in his reach it would have been the worse for him, I fear, as he raved powerful and swore that he could whip any one that ever said any harm about the Smiling Band.

After some arguing with Snips we finally got him to quiet down, so we could soberly think over the affair and finally made him believe no harm was meant for the Smiling Band whatever. We told him it was all for us, and we don't care no way as this is a free country, where every man can say what he pleases, and another can be as ugly as he need be and no one dare molest him. Snips need not cut up so, no way, for Jumbo is a nice fellow, if he does wear No. 14 shoes and a 5¼ hat.

JACK.

COLD STEEL OR DEATH.

"There is but one small chance to save your life and that is through an operation," was the awful prospect set before Mrs. I B. Hunt, of Lime Ridge, Wis., by her doctor after vainly trying to cure her of a frightful case of stomach trouble and yellow jaundice. He didn't count on the marvellous power of Electric Bitters to cure Stomach and Liver troubles, but she heard of it, took seven bottles, was wholly cured, avoided surgeon's knife, now weighs more and feels better than ever. It's positively guaranteed to cure Stomach, Liver and Kidney troubles and never disappoints. Price 50c. at B. E. Sedberry & Sons.

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A Notable Pictorial Weekly.

Collier's Weekly for November 25—"The Samoan and South African Number"—is a 28 page Thanksgiving issue, which graphically pictures the principal news of the world: Samoa, South Africa (both pictures and maps), the wrecked Charleston, the Paris Exposition, and the Venezuelan Revolution. The double page is a fine composite of snapshots depicting the hardships of war in the Transvaal, showing train-loads of burghers departing for the front Boers leaving Johannesburg for the Natal border, burghers commandeering horses for the Boer army at Johannesburg, and Outlanders fleeing from the approach of war—a view of war most interesting and seldom pictured. The Thanksgiving front is a fine hunting scene by Max F. Klepper. A. B. Wenzell draws the Boulevard and tells of the reception of war-news in Paris.

The list of artists and writers represented in this issue is notable, among them being Mayo W. Hazeltine, Gilbert Parker, Colonel Frank W. Roberts, formerly U. S. consul at Cape Town; Lieutenant W. Nephew King, A. B. Wenzell, E. Hering, A. S. Hartrick, Clinton Scollard, Edgar Fawcett, Francis Trevelyan, besides the regular staff correspondents, Camp, Dumay, Barry, and others. There are some remarkable snapshot pictures of football games by Hare.

That Fraudulent Marriage License.

Nothing has been heard of the two men who obtained a license for the marriage of Willie Jackson to Mary Lee of Carvers Creek township from the Register of deeds last week. One gave his name as W. H. Jackson, but said he was no kin to Willie Jackson Both swore that the girl was 18 years of age. The young lady is but 15 years of age, and since learning of the issuance of the license, her parents had her confined in "durance vile," up to a few days ago when the notice warning ministers and magistrates against performing the ceremony was published.

Her father attaches no blame to the Register's office, but is hot after the go-betweens.

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ATLANTA, GA.

British Aristocracy in the War.

A London telegram says: The military fervor which has seized hold of the nation shows no signs of abatement. This is scarcely to be wondered at when it is realized how many households of all degrees throughout the United Kingdom are affected, and how deeply the iron of war has entered into the happiness of the people. For instance, a Mrs. Pechell had three sons, officers, ordered to the Cape and two of them are now dead. Sir Anthony Weldon, of Kildare, when the war commenced had four sons, three brothers and five nephews in the service. The list is now one less, since Captain Weldon was killed at Dundee. George Hamilton, the secretary of state for India, has one son and thirteen nephews in the field. The Duke of Atholl has three sons in the war, including Lord Tullibardine, his heir, while three brothers of the Duchess of York, Princes Adolphus, Francis and Alexander of Teck, are all bound for or are in South Africa. Thus it will be seen that the case of the widow of the Irish sergeant, whose seven sons are serving in the ranks at the Cape, which Queen Victoria has recognized by a kindly letter and a gift, has parallels in the highest circles of society. The calling out of the militia also takes many distinguished men from their regular duties, including Mr. A. Akers-Douglas, the first commissioner of works. Lord Salisbury loses his private secretary in Viscount Newport, who belongs to the same regiment as Mr. Akers-Douglas, while Mr. Joseph Chamberlain and Sir Michael Hicks-Beach also lose a secretary apiece. Titled officers without end are now called upon to do home service, including the Duke of Buccleuch's three sons, the Earl of Kintore and the Earl of Cassillis.

Georgia Franchise Bill Denounced by a Negro Bishop.

A Macon, Ga., telegram says:

Bishop H. M. Turner, of the African M. E. church, delivered a sensational address this morning to the Georgia conference of the African Methodist church. He urged every possible opposition by Georgia negroes to the Hardwick bill to limit the suffrage, now before the legislature. He said he proposed taking the stump himself and implored every minister to do likewise. He said the law would reduce every negro to the ignoble status of a free slave and that conditions would be worse than before the war. It would outlaw every black man and woman. He said the author was merely seeking notoriety and was backed by the "poor white" element "Not one negro in thirty ever thinks of voting," the bishop declared. "They do not sell their votes. Three votes are sold for every negro ballot purchased."

The bishop denounced the supreme court of the United States for taking away the negroes' civil rights, but excepted Justice Harlan, who was the negroes' friend. He said the negroes had no army, but that the God of nations was on their side.

He urged that every minister assist in getting signatures to the petition to congress for an appropriation of $105,000,000 to be used in sending 7,000,000 of the race to Africa, so that there would be an end of race conflicts in this country. He said the legislature would have to fight the negro of Georgia on his knee, as he prays night and day to God "to blight and curse the promoters of this unrighteous measure."

Graded School Report.

To the Board of Trustees Fayetteville Graded School:

GENTLEMEN:—I beg leave to submit for consideration by you the following report of Fayetteville Graded School for the second month ending November 10th, 1899:

Number boys enrolled this month,	147
Number girls enrolled " "	140
Total enrollment " "	287
Average daily attendance	246
Per cent. of attendance	89

ROLL OF HONOR.

Boys—Esker Amos, Isaac Murray, Robert Adams, Aaron Folb, John Duncan McNeill, Robert Hall, Bryan Broadfoot, Alton Bynum, Cecil Smith, Jos. Tolar, Da Casta Highsmith, Wallace Prior, Albert Prior, Tommie Murchison, Lauchlin McNeill, Willie Adams, Reid Crawford, George Myrover, Willie Sykes, Philip Thomas, Jaquelin Crosswell, David Tillinghast, Claude Overby, Fred Adams, Albert Cross, Willie Campbell, Marion Huske, Albert Humphrey, Joe McKethan, Ernest Williams, Thomas Rankin, Richard Fitzell, Jas. Maultsby, Hunter Thomas, Frank Tomlins, Claude Rankin, John Haigh, Fletcher Sedberry.

Girls—Sadie Hall, Annie Highsmith, Lottie Newberry, Mamie Highsmith, Mary Helen Sheetz, Nellie Welsh, Iver Robeson, Mattie Bell Jackson, Myrtle Folb, Eilen Hall, Frankie Murray, Effie Sinclair, Hattie Owen. Alice Johnson, Mary Lilly McNeill, Maude Murray, Jessie Thomas, Grace Jennings, Bessie Smith, Amanda Amos, Myra Bell, Stella Bell, Ellen Brandt, Minnie Johnson, Nellie Johnson, Jean Pemberton, Annie Sedberry, Lida White, Lillian Haigh, Loula Benton, Mary Agnes Monroe.

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FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES IN 1900.

WILLIAM J. BRYAN.

"Where the gold Democrats are numerically weak they will profess to accept the platform, but will oppose every plan that is calculated to bring success to the platform."
—William J. Bryan to National Committeeman C. S. Thomas, of Colorado.

THE SOUTH AFRICAN WAR.

Our despatches yesterday noted the beginning of the new phase of the war in South Africa. The British reinforcements under Buller have begun their advance in earnest and the Boers are drawing back. The siege of Estcourt has been raised, and the new objective point in Natal, on the road to the relief of White's garrison at Ladysmith, is Colenso. But the Tugela river must be crossed to reach Colenso, and, as that is a large stream subject to heavy floods, it is probable that Joubert will be able to make his adversaries pay very dearly before they are allowed to get on the Ladysmith side of it. If the able Boer commander-in-chief shall decide to risk a general engagement at Colenso, we shall soon witness a battle royal there. Defeat at that point for the Boers would probably end in disaster, for in that event their retreating army would undoubtedly be taken in reverse by a sortie in force by White's long pent up command. On the other hand, if Buller's army under Hildyard, and such supports as may be joined to it from the rapidly mobilizing reinforcements, should be defeated, it is impossible to calculate the far-reaching effect upon the whole plan of British operations.

Meanwhile, General Lord Methuen has won two dearly bought victories over inferior forces in his painful advance for the relief of Kimberly; but he has still forty-six miles to overcome, and the tactics which Joubert practiced at Glencoe a month ago, are apparently being repeated in Methuen's front. They contest every foot of ground, and, when overcome, seem to manage their retreat not only in good order but with a careful eye to the opportunities for reprisals which the mounted troops placed on the line of their retreat to cut them off, afford. They quietly absorb these obstacles, and may have taken a big monthful this time if the Ninth Lancers, placed at Gras Pan to intercept them have met the same fate as Symon's cavalry did back of Tagala Hill in the Glencoe campaign. Our telegrams yesterday suggested that this may have occurred.

Elsewhere we give a short sketch of Methuen's career. He appears to be a peer by inheritance who has won his way up from a lieutenant's place to his present rank of major general—thus supplying an interesting contrast to Viscount Wolseley and Lord Roberts of Candahar, who started out from the upper middle classes and fought their way into the House of Lords.

We also print an important alleged letter of President Kruger, given out from Berlin, in which he points out, with much show of reason, that Britain's great army of 90,000 men, which is gathering in his front, must be handicapped by a tremendous draft upon its numbers—he sets the total at 50,000—required for the indispensable purpose of keeping up their lengthening line of communication with their base.

It will be a war such as England has not engaged in since Wellington's time; and its full development seems to be at hand.

DIVIDE AND (LET THE ENEMY) CONQUER!

A Chicago telegram says:

Senator R. F. Pettigrew, of South Dakota, and ex-Congressman Charles A. Towne, of Minnesota, members of the National Executive Committee of the Silver Republican party, are in Chicago. A conference of the Executive Committee of the party will be held here Tuesday, at which plans for the coming Presidential campaign will be discussed. Alliance with the Democratic party in the coming campaign will be the uppermost topic of discussion. Mr. Towne in discussing the political situation said: "If Congress this winter in response to the demand of the Present destroys the bond paying value of silver, calls in silver certificates and reissues gold-paying certificates, the silver question will be a leading issue in the next Presidential campaign. Such action on the part of Congress would furnish an entirely different proposition from that which confronted the people in the last campaign. The Republican party won because of the fear of the ratio of 16 to 1. The adoption of the Gage and McKinley financial plan by Congress would mean the contraction of the currency of the country, and the people would be confronted with a fact, not a theory, in the battle. The silver question is not dead in American political affairs."

Now, the patriotic thing to do, according to our McKinley "Democrats," who apparently have more influence in some parts of these United States than the Democratic Democrats, is to start a war upon these silver Republicans at once, so as to make their support of the Democratic nominees and platforms impossible. In other words, treat them as we have the Populists, and thus save the enemy the trouble of dividing his adversaries in order to conquer.

Is it not beginning to dawn upon the minds of true Democrats that we have been coddling a very shabby lot of spies in the Democratic camp for five or six years past? Shall we permit them to betray us still another time? Or shall we put a brand upon them if they continue to throw obstacles in the way of the "adopted policy" of our party?

The Washington Post has been quoting from a letter written by a Mr. George W. Whitcomb, of Brooklyn, to the New York Times, in which he asks the question "Do the recent elections show that the Democratic party, led by Mr. Bryan, cannot win in 1900?"

We know what the Times is. It calls itself Democratic, but it is a Cleveland paper which supported Palmer and Buckner in 1896. But we are not told what Mr. Whitcomb is. If he is not a Democrat, he is at least a sensible man, possessing acquaintance with arithmetic sufficient to know that two and two make four—a proposition which the mugwumps also understand, though proceeding upon the assumption, not so far wrong as might be supposed, that the Democratic party is ignorant of it.

Mr. Whitcomb recites the fact—brought out by the Democratic press after the election of 1896, though studiously ignored by the mugwumps—that Mr. Bryan would have been elected if 19,377 votes could have been transferred from McKinley to Bryan in five States, viz: California, 1,962; Indiana, 9,002; Kentucky, 142; North Dakota, 2,826; and West Virginia, 5,445. Such a charge would have transferred 48 electoral votes to Bryan, and given him a majority of 1 in the electoral college.

Says Mr. Whitcomb:

"Ohio has 23 electoral votes, California 9, Kentucky 13, Maryland 8—a total of 53. Let the Democracy hold the States carried by Mr. Bryan in 1896 and carry in addition these States of Ohio, California, Maryland and Kentucky, and the national election will be theirs in 1900. Will they do it? May be not, but to the writer the recent elections look that way."

Upon this the Republican Washington Post says:

"Should the Democratic party be able to gain in strength in the next twelve months as rapidly as it gained in the twelve months next preceding November, 1896, it will win and have electoral votes to spare. To do this, however, *it must hold the tripartite combine intact* and get its re-enforcements in Republican fields."

No sane person will deny that in "holding the tripartite combine intact" lies the condition of Democratic success—certainly, the chief and most obvious condition. That being so, and Mr. Bryan's renomination being conceded as a certainty even by the mugwumps and McKinley "Democrats," what is the duty of Democrats? There can be but one answer: the "combine" must be accepted upon any terms not involving a surrender of principle. So much for national politics.

In our State politics the same loyal and sensible course seems to find no dissentients among Democrats. We are going to accept the aid of Mr. Settle and his Republican followers in carrying the Amendment, notwithstanding the fact that in announcing his adhesion to our white supremacy cause Mr. Settle reiterates his unaltered devotion to all the other doctrines of the Republican party.

And having arrived at this point, the contrast between the course of those Democrats who vote and fight sincerely for their party's triumph, notwithstanding the defeat of their own views of the true party policy, and that of the mugwumps, bolters and McKinley "Democrats" who were spies in the camp in 1896, is too obvious for further comment. But the lesson it teaches must be kept before us.

IS THIS EVIDENCE OF "PROSPERITY"

The New York Journal of Commerce says that "in 1893, the imports [into the United States] were in round numbers, $844,000,000, against $697,000,000 for 1899—a decline of $147,000,000 in spite of an increase of at least nine millions in population. The most important element in this decline is, of course, under the head of manufactured products, of which $80,000,000 less in value was imported in 1899 than in 1893. Under the head of food and animals there was a decline of $57,000,000, and under the head of articles of voluntary use—luxuries, etc.—a decline of $14,000,000. On the other hand, the value of the imports of articles in a crude condition entering into the processes of domestic manufacture shows an increase of $4,000,000 as compared with 1893."

This is as astonishing showing. It seems to confirm the assertions of the wicked calamity howlers that the "prosperity," of which we hear so much, is not diffused among the masses of this country, whose aggregate condition is reflected by the sum total of their purchases. It may be said, in reply, that they are buying more at home; but, if we follow out that proposition, we are soon confronted with the fact that it is only the dead and dying nations that maintain a small trade with foreign nations.

Judge Clark's Great Opinion.

Raleigh News and Observer.

Russell's latest outbreak is against Judge Clark's dissenting opinion. Senator Butler says that no man is more disgusted with Judge Clark's recent utterances than Russell. Loge Harries is of the opinion that Clark's dissenting opinion tends to ANARCHY. The more these fellows rail at the Lex laid down by Clark, the more the people approve it. A leading member of the Asheville bar said when he had finished reading it: "It is the greatest opinion ever written by any member of the court during its history."

Mr. W. H. Hickson, of Kinston, is here on a visit to his brother, Mr. John Hickson.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 27, 1899.

Gag law is to rule the House again, and unless present indications are at fault, the McKinley gag is likely to be even worse than the Reed gag. All the pretty talk about changing the House rules in the interest of more liberty for individual members, has been hushed up by the application of the gag, even before the House assembles. Even Hepburn, of Iowa, who defied Reed in the last House and made a savage attack on the injustice of the rules which made a tyrant of the Speaker, has allowed himself to be gagged and has acquiesced in the programme which includes a re-adoption of the Reed rules without any changes that will lessen the Speaker's authority over legislation. The order for the re-adoption of the Reed rules came from Mr. McKinley, who feared that without them, he would be unable to jam some of the legislation he will ask for through the House, with its narrow republican majority.

According to present plans, the gag rule is also to be applied to the gold standard bill prepared by the House republican caucus committee, which is now being considered by the republican members of the Senate Finance Committee, who for some reason persist in withholding their endorsement of it. Instead of having the bill follow the usual routine of being referred to a committee, it has been decided to have it endorsed by the Republican caucus when it meets to nominate House officers and ordered passed by the majority of the House.

At the last meeting of the Washington Anti-Imperialist League, a resolution was unanimously adopted, calling attention to the anniversaries of the death and birth of George Washington—December 14th, and February 22nd—the trend toward imperialism on the part of his successor, now in office, in direct contradiction to the lessons taught by the life and laid down by the farewell address of Washington, and the necessity of keeping the life of Washington as a beacon light before his countrymen. As one of the ways of doing this, the League offered a prize of $10 for the best essay, to be written by a school child of the City of Washington, on the lessons to be learned from the life of Washington.

Representative DeArmond, of Missouri, one of the candidates for the democratic leadership of the House, has very positive opinions as to the policy that should be followed by the democrats of the House, during the present session of Congress. He thinks the democrats should be aggressive from start to finish in order to place the republicans on the defensive and expose their weak spots to the country; that they should put themselves on record as favoring the withdrawal of United States authority from the Philippines, and the establishment of an independent government by the Filipinos; that they should advocate the return to the Cubans of their own—theirs not only by natural right, but by the solemn promise and declaration of Congress at the opening of the War with Spain; that they should make plain to the country that the administration party is the protector, as in a large degree it is the creator of trusts; that they should vigorously oppose the enactment of gold standard legislation, if the majority dares to attempt to carry out plans which the money kings are trying to compel them to accept; that they should oppose the creation of a large standing army as one of the methods of crippling imperialism, if it cannot be headed off, and that they should ruthlessly expose the steadily growing extravagance in public expenditures, and the unequal burden of Federal taxation borne by the poor. Of the coming session of Congress, Judge DeArmond said: "It promises to be an important and far reaching one. It will not be surprising if its influence upon the approaching national election should be great, if not controlling."

Representative Bail, of Texas, who is a supporter of Representative Bankhead for the Democratic leadership of the House, says that while the contest is spirited, it is being conducted in such a friendly way that no wounds will be left at its close to mar democratic harmony, and that, as yet, no candidate has enough votes pledged to win. Mr. Ball says the talk of a deadlock in the interest of re electing Mr. Bailey leader, is arrant nonsense; that Mr. Bailey always makes an open fight or none, and that he meant exactly what he said, when he announced at the last session of Congress, that he would not again be a candidate.

Hon. D. C. Dunbar, Democratic National Committeeman from Utah, says the fight against Representative elect Roberts, of that state, is a political rather than a moral one; that while he is bitterly opposed to polygamy, which he fought for years, he knows that the accusations of having violated the United States laws against polygamy, which have been brought against Mr. Roberts, have no foundation in fact.

Ex-Senator Palmer, of Illinois, who is in Washington, predicts that the leading issues of 1900 will be anti-imperialism, anti militarism, and anti-trust, and that Col. Bryan will be nominated and elected President.

A Letter from Joubert?

A Berlin telegram says:

The Deutsche Zeitung publishes a letter purporting to come from General Joubert and dated Ladysmith, October 27, in which the writer says:

"Even if we do not succeed in preventing the concentration of General Buller's troops, the British army will be weakened from natural causes to such an extent that not more than 35,000 efficient troops, or 40 000 at the outside, can take the field. The others must be employed to protect communications. In this connection it is to be borne in mind that not only Natal, but Cape Colony, with a base of operations covering 435 miles, must be considered.

"Our bases of supply are at home and organized on the relay system in three directions. To protect these does not require 500 men. If one base should be seriously threatened, the supplies there concentrated will be destroyed.

"A war of defense, of which we need not think for a considerable time, would present far greater advantages than an offensive war. We are at home in the highlands of the Transvaal and the Orange Free State. The British will have to contest every step under inconceivable difficulties, and must be prepared at every moment to fight on two or three fronts.

"Then will begin a guerrilla war, which the British will not be able to endure. Already we have 50,000 men in the field, so we do not need to calculate upon a rising of the Boers in Cape Colony and Natal. Nevertheless, if the British stir up the natives and employ them to fight us, a rising of the whole of Afrikanderdom is certain."

"It did me more good than anything I ever used. My dyspepsia was of months' standing; after eating it was terrible. Now I am well," writes S. B. Keener, Holsington, Kansas, of Kodol-Dyspepsia Cure. It digests what you eat.

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How the Trusts Work.

Atlanta Journal.

The federal industrial commission has done the country good service whether any legislative recommendation it may make shall be adopted by the congress soon to be organized or not.

It has brought out from those who are in the best position to know some interesting and important facts relative to the nature and operations of trusts. We have alluded to the testimony of a trust magnate who admitted that his grand object had been to combine all the iron and steel interests of the world in one great trust and that if he had succeeded he and his associates would have at once raised the price of their products 10 per cent. That is to say they would at once have taxed the civilized world for their own benefit 10 per cent in addition to the present high prices of iron and steel, and there is no telling where they would have stopped.

The fellow who proposed this gigantic scheme understands very well the logic of trusts and is frank in declaring it. He also understands and practically admits that the only safety of the trusts lies in the maintenance of a protective tariff. That is why he attempted to avoid the possibility of foreign competition in the event of a substantial reduction of the tariff. By getting the entire iron and steel interest into a combine to fix prices and crush competition the world over he could have snapped his fingers at the most effective plan of defeating the trusts, namely the plan of declaring free trade in any article of the manufacture and sale of which they should obtain control in this country.

To show how trusts conduct themselves while the barrier of a prohibitive tariff protects them it is only necessary to consider the operations of the tin plate combine.

This concern has also been brought before the industrial commission by a responsible witness, Mr. Wm. H. Griffith, himself a tin plate manufacture.

But the concern he was formerly interested in went into the trust or American tin plate company, but against his opposition. He accordingly remained outside of the combination, and is building an independent plant. He takes issue with the statement of the trust's witnesses that the combination can rely upon economies in production for an aduantage over small competitors, and says that "in a business in which close attention to details meant so much as in the tin plate business, it was not possible to carry it on with entire success unless each plant was under the immediate supervision of a managing owner. The business could not be left to superintendents and foremen."

Mr. Griffith flatly contradicts the statement of the trust's witnesses that the combine relied upon economies for the success of its enterprise. He contends that the trust, on the contrary, relies upon arbitrary measures to suppress competition, for the protection and maintenance of its monopoly and monopoly profits. It has made a contract with the manufacturers of tin plate machinery whereby they agree to sell only to the trust. Why was this extraordinary measure adopted if the economies of combination make the trust superior to the competition of smaller concerns? The trust restricts jobbers, who handle its business, exclusively to the service of the combination. They are not allowed to handle the product of outside manufacturers.

A very interesting part of Mr. Griffith's testimony is that in which he declares and demonstrates that all the plants taken into the tin plate combination could have been bought at the time for $12 000,000. They are capitalized in the trust at $50,000,000. Something like $10,000 000 of common stock was paid to the promoter of the trust for his work. Three fourths of the capitalization is water, and to pay dividends on all this the public is being squeezed in the grip of monopoly which is vitally assisted in its efforts by the tariff on tin plate. Mr. Griffith said further that his profits in tin plate manufacture had been 20 per cent. when the price was only $2 60 a box. The price is now $4 65, and the advance effected by the trust under the shelter of a high customs duty on imported tin plate considerably exceeds the increase in the cost of material and labor.

Mr. Griffith has contributed largely to the anti-trust literature which is quite convincing enough to sweep from the statute books every article of legislation which enables trusts to use the protective tariff as a means of extortion against the people of this country.

Next Year's Platform.

Atlanta Journal.

Harper's Weekly is convinced that the Democratic national platform next year will be in substance the platform on which the Ohio Democrats made their recent state campaign. We shall not be surprised if this prediction turns out to be correct.

The newspaper which makes it at any rate has apparently good reason for the faith thus expressed.

Recently it sent an inquiry to leading Democrats: Governors of states, members of congress, and members of the national Democratic committee—whether the sentiment of the Democratic party in their communities was in accord with the Ohio Democratic platform, which emphasized anti-expansion, an anti trust plank, and the free coinage of silver at 16 to 1.

To this inquiry replies were received from thirty correspondents in twenty states and one territory. Twenty-seven of these leading and influential Democrats unhesitatingly declare that they and the party in their states find the Ohio platform a satisfactory expression of their opinions on these three subjects.

The twenty states include eight southern states—Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Texas, Arkansas and Kentucky; six far western states—California, Washington, Idaho, Wyoming, Nevada, Colorado; Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, New York and New Jersey. The territory of Arizona should be grouped with the six far western states. These states cast a very large part of the Democratic vote, and will control the national Democratic convention.

A Most Valuable Book.

New Orleans Daily Statis)

We are indebted to the kindness and courtesy of Hon. B. F. Grady, of North Carolina, a gallant Confederate veteran, for a copy of his work, entitled "The South against the North." We doubt whether any book has been written that more clearly defines the political relations between the States since the organization of the government, or that depicts more truthfully the causes that led to the civil war. It is a calm, dispassionate, and masterly vindication of the South. Every proposition is stated with intelligent precision and sustained by unanswerable arguments.

Mr. Grady's book is an invaluable addition to Southern literature, and should have an honored place in every library in the land.

A Compliment to Major Stedman.

Greensboro Record.

The Raleigh correspondent of the Charleston, S. C, News, in the course of an extended article on North Carolina politics, mentions Maj. Chas. M. Stedman in connection with the U. S. Senatorship.

No doubt Maj. Stedman appreciates such notices, but as a matter of fact he is not seeking any office, but is quietly and steadily building up a good law practice here, which is more congenial and more pleasing to him, even though the emoluments and honors are not so great.

The correspondent says:

"This Demosthenes of the Democratic party would be the successor of Butler if a large element of the best people of the State could have their way—and without any 'ifs' or 'ands' about it. Major Stedman has a large following of earnest and devoted friends and admirers who would gladly elevate him to any position in their power, for they do not believe there is another like him in the world. He has not figured prominently, as in years past, in politics, and is now enjoying quietly a splendid law practice at his home in Greensboro. He is not an old man by any means, if his hair is snow white, (which becoming hue it has worn since he was 40) and although he is not a candidate for the Senatorship or any other position, the people have not forgotten his silvery eloquence and golden words of wisdom, especially in 1888, when but for him a whole Congressional district and undoubtedly the State, would have been lost to the party. He not only elected himself Lieutenant Governor that year, but pulled his running mate, Gov. Fowle, through with him, and had it not been for the Populist wave and Farmers' Alliance of 1892 and prior, which, politically and officially, outlawed all lawyers, the Democrats would have elected him that year and he would have been Governor of North Carolina since and in the United States Senate today in the place of Pritchard.

"It is not impossible that he may yet be the recipient of one or both of these high honors. North Carolina has no worthier or more able son."

Methuen a Dashing Soldier.

Gen. Lord Paul Methuen, who is commanding the Kimberley relief expedition, is a brave and dashing soldier.

Unlike many British officers engaged in the present war, he has had experience in just that sort of warfare. In 1884 he commanded what was called "Methuen's Horse," part of the field force that occupied and held Bechuanaland for the British. The Boers felt that they had a right to part of Bechuanaland by virtue of the fact that they had explored and in some measures settled it. They advanced into the Bamangwato, Bakwena, Bangwaketsi and Barolong territories, but the British, under Methuen and others, seized the land, and on March 23, 1885, a British protectorate over Bechuanaland was proclaimed. It was in the operations preceding this proclamation that Methuen gained his experience in campaigning on the South African veldt and mountains and of the characteristics of the Boers.

Methuen is the third baron of his line. Born in England 54 years ago, he became a lieutenant in the Scots guards, a crack regiment, when he was 19 years old. He was on special service to the West African gold coast in 1873, brigadier major for Ashanti in 1874, assistant military secretary to the commander-in chief in Ireland in 1877, military attache at Berlin from 1877 to 1881, and quartermaster-general of home department from 1881 to 1884. Methuen served in Bechuanaland in 1884 85, as previously stated, and afterward was made deputy adjutant general in South Africa.

In 1890 he was promoted to his present rank of major general. From that time until a recent period he was stationed in England.

From Tuesday's Daily.

News of Interest.

Chas. Coghlan, the famous actor, died at Galveston, Texas, yesterday.

Information has reached Gen. Otis that just before the evacuation of their capital by the Filipinos, at a council of war, it was decided to henceforth wage a guerrilla method of warfare, the soldiers to scatter in bands all over the country.

Richard Croker, before sailing for Europe today, said:

"I want to say before my departure for Europe that William J. Bryan will be the standard bearer of the Democratic party in the next national campaign. The fight will be against trusts and imperialism and Mr. Bryan is the only man to lead such a fight. Tammany Hall will give him its heartiest support, you may rest assured.

Gen. Methuen fought another battle with the Boers Saturday, this time at Gas Pan, in which his column of 7.000 defeated 2,500 of the enemy, after four hours stubborn fighting. Notwithstanding the Boers were forced to retreat their losses are reported by the English at about the same as their losses. Among the killed were Commander Ethelston of the Powerful. Major Plumbe, of the Doris, and Captain Guy Senior, of the Royal Marines.

[LETTER TO MRS. PINKHAM NO. 94,398]

"I am so grateful to you for what Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has done for me that I feel as though I must tell about it. A year ago I was taken very sick. Doctors could do me no good only to deaden the pain which I had almost constantly. I got some of your Compound and took one bottle and received benefit from it at once. I have taken it ever since and now have no backache, no pain in my side and my stomach and bowels are perfectly well. I can honestly say that there is nothing like it. If I could only tell every woman how much good your medicine has done me, they would surely try it."—MARTHA M. KING, NORTH ATTLEBORO, MASS.

Women Would Surely Try Mrs. Pinkham's Medicine if They Only Knew, Says Mrs. King

The way women trifle with health shows a degree of indifference that is past understanding. Happiness and usefulness depend on physical health; so does a good disposition. Disease makes women nervous, irritable and snappish. The very effort of ailing women to be good-natured makes them nervous. Write to Mrs. Pinkham, she will help you to health and happiness.

It costs nothing to get Mrs. Pinkham's advice. Her address is Lynn, Mass.

Cameron Sayings

CAMERON, N. C., Nov. 25, 1899

Rev. David Fairley filled his regular appointment at Cypress Sunday evening.

Mrs. N. A Cameron, who has been seriously ill for some time, is much better.

Mr. Wm. McPherson and Master Tommy Coor left Monday to enter school at James Maske Academy.

Mr. Samuel Trogden has moved from his farm to Cameron.

Mrs. Eliza and Miss Mary Bolton spent Saturday and Sunday visiting Mrs. Benj. Cameron.

Widower. "Well, Miss S——, I wish to make a trade with you."

Miss S——. "Now, Bill, none of that, I never trade."

Widower. "Well! well! I—ah! I—ah! wanted to know if you could knit and if you would make me a half dozen socks."

Not long ago we heard one of the leading negro politicians of Moore county express his opinion of the Constitutional Amendment in the following terms:

"De white man wants to keep de nigger from voting, and he am a teaching his children de necessity ob it. He is a sending um to school and learning about de nigger, when he ought to be learning dat three times nine am seventeen."

DONTON.

The Shade Trees.

Fayetteville, N. C., Nov. 23, 1899.

MR. EDITOR:—Why should the town assume the risk and expense of setting out trees for private owners? What we owe already ought to be a sufficient lesson. Better trim up the trees we have already.

FINANCE.

Lumber Bridge Locals.

Mrs. Duncan McGougan, of St. Paul's, went to Greensboro last week to be with her daughter, Miss Flora, who is at Normal College quite sick.

Mrs. J. W. Cobb visited her mother, Mrs. Sarah Owen, of Cumberland, last week and found her improving, we are glad to know.

Among recent visitors we note Miss Christianna McFadyen, of the Red Springs Seminary Faculty, and Dr. F. H. McLeod, of Florence.

The pews for the new church have come and it will be but a short time before the building will be opened for worship. Everyone is highly pleased with the new church.

There will be preaching Thanksgiving day in the Presbyterian church at 11 a. m. and in the Baptist church at 3 p. m At each service a collection will be taken up for the orphans.

Cor espondence of the Observer.

Retrospective Raeford Reports.

Raeford, N. C., Nov. 27, 1899.

Notwithstanding the fact that no meteors were observed by the "shooting star" party at Manchester, some time since, a meteor of great brilliancy flashed across the horizon of your Raeford correspondent. A meteor, dazzling and radiant as the mid-summer night's high Venus. It did not appear at the time predicted by the astronomers, but without warning, it came rushing through space, and cast a Circean spell upon the observer. A description of this meteoric visitor is almost beyond the gross mind of man. Not the beauty of the far South, like a wandering fire; but the beauty of Greece, with all the fairness of Helen of Troy. A beauty that rivals some wondrous flower, wafted from the Elysian Fields; that holds the souls of men as the maelstrom holds a splotch of sea foam in its vortex. Yet a beauty that is patent as Merlin's mystic chants but——

Speaking of rolling one's r's reminds us that it is useless to ask people of Scotch descent to remember to roll r's, inasmuch as that charming characteristic is confined, almost entirely, to the French.

To be quoted is a matter of some seriousness, but to be misquoted is more serious. "Replete Raeford Ripplings" should have been "Replete Raeford Readings." Now Raeford is not rippling. The term is too mild. Rolling is a more appropriate word, as it is in keeping with her progress.

Every lassie ought, in seriousness, entertain many civil generosities; immutable like lads. Should the readers of the Observer wish to know the name of the Manchester correspondent, the first letter of each word of the foregoing sentence will give it. Here, we pause to apologize to the editor, for *news* letters were promised, and this is a little out of the way.

Miss Daisy Johnson of near Raleigh is the guest of her sister Mrs. J. B. Upchurch.

Miss Cora McGill, who teaches near Fayetteville, spent the past week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John McGill.

Clifton Bue and James Adams have bought the saw mill established by the Hill Bros.

Miss Mary Gillis has gone to Shannon to take charge of a school.

Miss Allie McNeill is teaching near Lumber Bridge.

Hector Smith, county surveyor of Cumberland, was here last week doing some work for John and Neill Blue.

The large pressed brick mill, operated by the Upchurch Bros., has been running day and night for the past week.

The site for the Presbyterian church has been selected and the building plans will be submitted in the near future.

Some of our enterprising citizens worked on the principal roads leading out of Raeford, clearing stumps and other obstructions. A regular road working day is to be held soon, and in connection with this work, trees will be planted and boxed in order to improve the appearance of the town.

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Meeting of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce—Navigation of the Cape Fear River

The directors of the chamber of commerce met Saturday afternoon at the office of the secretary.

The importance of pressing upon Congress the improvement of the Cape Fear river between this place and Wilmington was discussed with much interest. On motion, the secretary, Mr. F. R. Rose, was directed to correspond with the Wilmington chamber of commerce with a view of inducing that honorable body to co-operate in the effort to obtain proper recognition at the hands of the government for the improved navigation of this splendid river, which is now one of the highways of the nation and under its especial care. The secretary was instructed to correspond with the senators and our congressman to the same end.

Other matters of importance to the welfare of our town were discussed, after which the meeting adjourned.

Spread of the Bubonic Plague.

By cable to the Observer.

Tacoma, Nov'r 27, 1899—Yokahama advices state that a terrible condition prevailed at New Chung, Manchuria, in respect to the Bubonic plague. There are hundreds of deaths weekly, the mortality reaching forty to sixty daily. The disease is beginning to spread over Manchuria. The Chinese authorities absolutely refused to take sanitory or quarantine precautions.

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A COON HUNT IN SEVENTY-FIRST.

Market Quotations—G W Handon Has "Varments" for Sale, But it Must Be a Cash Transaction.

ARGYLE, N. C., Nouvember 23, '99.

MR. E. J. HALE, JR.,
Fayetteville, N. C.

A few things that Have Past in the last week pleas advertize:

Mr. G. W. Handon, one of the gratest coon ketchers in Seventy-First. He drives the wagion all day and Hunts all night. He Hunts four nights in a week and sleeps too nights and drives the waggion six days to the week. On the twentieth night of november He went out to Hunt coons and just beeloaw my House His dog treed up in i little gum and He said that He thought that He Had a possom up the tree and climb up the tree, and when He got up there He saw four coons up there and He Had no Help but Him and His dog. He thought right quick what would He do. His mind told Him to Hollow. He was Half way up the tree and He Hollowed four or five times and i & my neighbor, Both, Heard Him, and Both of us answered Him. He Hollowed so distressful we Both answered —and His cry was for Help, and in less time and ten minuts there was six men there and too ladys, and they all went prepaird to fight. They did not know what was His trouble was and all of thim Brought their dogs with thim, and when they got there they found that they Had four coones to fight, nine Head of dogs and eight Head of peoples and four coones. It was one of the wors Batties that i even seen for a short time. All of the dogs was fighten eatch other and only one litie dog fighten the coons, but, as luck would Have it, G. W. made thim jump out one at the time, and when the last one jumped out the dogs wass not failing to save thim all, But then sum of thim continued to fight. So they was fighten so bad untill G. W. Handon turnted loose and fell down to stop the dogs and they jumped on Him, and then it was a time there for about one or too seconds to stop the dogs, But at last we saved all of the coons But one and we Had all of the fun that we wanted. If any of you would like to Buy coons or opossoms you just replie to G. W. Handon; But He said that He would not Credit, But He would fetch any body any one of thes varment that they want for money anough; He said that it was Hard Work to drive the Wagion all day and Hunt too-thirds of the night, But He would do it for money enough. Price for the varments: Rack coon, eighty five cents, Hide and all; o'possom, fifty to seventy five, Hide and all; fox, one dollar, Hide and all; Rabbit, fifteen if His Hide is wanted; Squirrel, ten cents, without His tail. For further information Replie to G. W. Handon, P. O. Arguyle, N. C., Cumbland county, Seventy-first township.

Yours truly,
JAMES HANDON.

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THE OBSERVER

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., NOV. 30, 1899

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One side, only, of the paper must be written on—and the real name of the writer accompany the contribution. No attention will be paid to anonymous letters.

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New Postmaster at Edonia.

W. C. Riddle has been appointed postmaster at Edonia, this county, vice Thomas W. Maxwell resigned.

Prof. Gonzales (Weber) to be Married.

Prof. Charles M. Gonzales (Weber), of Fayetteville, and Miss Mary Lee Shell, of Warrenton, will be united in the holy bonds of matrimony on Thursday morning, November 30th, inst. The ceremony will be at the residence of the bride's parents, in Warrenton, and will be performed by the Rev. Father O'Brien, of Fayetteville.

Accident at McColl's.

A serious accident occurred at the McColl Manufacturing Company's plant, McColl's, Saturday night. The cylinder head of the engine blew out, doing considerable damage to the machinery and scalding, probably fatally, the engineer. Mr. Parker, the cotton inspector, who happened to be in the engine room at the time, leaped from a window and fell on his head, but luckily with no serious result.

Rev. C. A. G. Thomas Resigns.

At the conclusion of the morning service at the Baptist Church the pastor, Rev. C. A. G. Thomas, laid his resignation before a congregational meeting and asked that it be accepted, to take effect December 31st. The congregation had nothing to do but to obey his wishes and the resignation was accepted.

Mr. Thomas announced that upon the close of his pastorate here, he would enter upon the duties of traveling representative of the Baptist Female College, Raleigh.

Our Congressman in Washington.

Hon. Chas. R. Thomas, representative in Congress from the Third North Carolina district, has reached the city, says the Washington Post, and is domiciled for the winter at 1009 Thirteenth street northwest. He is accompanied by his mother and two sons, having lost his wife. He came early that his sons might obtain the advantages of the Franklin School, into which they have been placed. He is a successful lawyer, and at college won a reputation for impassioned and forceful oratory.

A Fine Memorial Sermon.

Notwithstanding the severity of the weather the Methodist church was crowded Sunday night to hear the pastor, Rev. W. L. Cunninggim, preach the annual memorial sermon to the Odd Fellows of Cross Creek Lodge, No. 4, who had assembled some seventy strong under their Noble Grand, Mr. D. J. Breece. The names of the members who died during the past year were read. They were: Dr. Simon Ross, (died in New York), Mr. F. S. Maultsby, (died in Greenville), and Dr. W. C. McDuffie. Dr. McDuffie is the sole member of this Lodge, including some hundred and forty, who has died in Fayetteville since May 10th, 1897.

Mr. Cunninggim took his text from Luke 10th chap. 29th verse, from which he preached a fine sermon, strong in logic and eloquent in words, in which he likened the noble order to the Good Samaritan.

Suddenly Surrounded by Revenue Officers.

For several days past Revenue Collector W. J. Sutton, special revenue officer Fields, and Deputy Marshal Morrisey have bern making Fayetteville headquarters from which to do some special work.

Friday night about 9 o'clock one of our well known citizens was hailed by an acquaintance from the mountains, and after an exchange of greetings, he was invited by the mountaineer to accompany him to his camp in the rear of the Williams building and take a drink of good old mountain dew. Two large covered wagons were drawn up around a bright log fire and the man from the west had just produced a jug from one of them and handed it to his city friend, who had its mouth to his lips when from out the surrounding darkness came the sharp command: "Hands up!" and before the friends had time to recover from the surprise, the giant form of bluff "Bill" Sutton hove in sight, and a cordon of deputies began to close in, the barrels of their Winchester rifles, reflecting the rays of the fire light. Our town friend thought it was all up with him, but a search of the wagons disclosed nothing more harmful than good red apples and fine mountian cabbage.

Mr. Arch McMillan has gone to Jacksonville, Fla., to assume charge of the branch there of McMillan Bros.' just established. Mr. Ran McMillan makes headquarters in Savannah for the present.

Best Sugar Culture.

Our readers will remember that last year a gentleman named Mr. M H. Finney, an Iowa financier, was here for the purpose of prospecting with a view of establishing a bank here at some future date. That he was pleased with Fayetteville and still has this object in view will be seen by the following interesting letter to Mr. F. R. Rose, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce:

ST. MARS, IA, Nov. 20, 1899.

F. R. Rose, Esq.:

Dear Sir:—Yours received—I was glad to hear from you again. In regard to beet sugar I know but little, but am trying to get a little information. The matter is being agitated quite extensively in this part of the country. There are two factories in operation in Nebraska; one is to be built in Des Moines, and there have been eight built in Michigan within the year. We are trying to get one here, and that is the reason my attention was called to it. I have learned that the first requirement is beets with the requisite amount of sugar in them, and about the next most important thing is plenty of good, pure water. This I know you have. It takes an immense amount of water. A good factory will require about 1,000 tons of beets per day for from 100 to 150 days. In Nebraska they make contracts with the farmers to raise so many acres of beets for five years. The average yield there is 12 tons per acre and the average price paid is $4 18 per ton. The cost of raising an acre of beets there is $21 to $22. You can see the profit to the farmer. With you the cost would be less on account of your cheap labor. They haul the beets for ten miles or more by wagon and ship a good many in by train. The factory at Norfolk, Neb., employs 275 men, some of them high-priced men, superintendent, chemists, &c. You can see the amount of money a factory of this kind would pay out in a season. I am told that there is plenty of capital to be had to build factories when it can be demonstrated that the beets can be raised in sufficient quantities and of good quality. Every load of beets is tested and the test decides the price paid. The richer the beet, the higher the price. Before a factory could be built some beets would have to be raised and then tested to determine if they had the required amount of sugar and purity. Then the next thing would be to get a sufficient number of acres contracted for.

I thought of your streams of water and the genial climate and it seemed to me that it could be made a success there and so I wrote to you. I hope to have some printed matter in a few days and I will send you some if I get it. I would be glad to hear from you in regard to it. It would build up your town and make the bank a necessity.

Yours,
M. H. FINNEY.

The Public School Law Question.

The question of the validity of the present school law as applied to Cumberland and other counties, in view of recent Supreme court decision, ousting the Democratic board in another county and reinstating the old Fusion board, will soon be settled, as Mr. Mebane, has asked the Attorney General to pass upon the following:

"Does the recent decision of the supreme court regarding county boards of education affect contracts and the general business transacted according to the law of 1899 by county boards or directors, and their appointees?"

"What effect has the decision upon the present county superintendents?"

"What effect upon township trustees and district committees?"

"How much or what part of the general school law as enacted by the last legislature is law, and what part is not law?"

"If the old boards are the legal boards, will they perform duties as laid down in the laws of 1899 for county boards or directors?"

"Have the old boards authority under the recent decision to meet and take charge of public schools before or on the next regular meeting day of the county boards?"

Marriage of Mr. Geo. Holderness.

Mr. Geo. A. Holderness and Miss Hattie Howard were united in marriage in the Presbyterian Church, Tarboro, Tuesday.

A dispatch from Tarboro says:

First came the ushers, W. Stamps Howard and Dr. Don Williams, W. G. Clarke and W. B. Howard. Then came four little children, Elizabeth Howard, Lizzie Baker, George Baker, Jr., Jr., and Sue Baker.

After these had reached the chancel the bride, with her sister, Miss Mary Roumain Howard, maid of honor, came up the left aisle, while the groom, with his best man, Mr. James A. Moore, marched up the right, and these four met in front of the altar, where the happy couple were made man and wife. It was the opinion of all present that it was one of the prettiest weddings ever witnessed in the Presbyterian Church.

Death of Mr. Needham Holmes.

Mr. Needham Franklin Holmes, an honored and highly respected citizen of Cumberland County, died yesterday morning at his home in Rockfish township in the 67th year of his age.

For years Mr. Holmes was Superintendent of Beaver Creek and Bluff Mills, and, after the sale of the former by the Lillys, he continued in that capacity at Bluff until its sale several months ago. The deceased was a district steward of the Methodist Church and a member of the Lebannon Lodge of Masons. He was well known to all the business men of Fayetteville, and was held in the highest esteem by all. Five children survive a most excellent father.

The funeral of Mr. Holmes will take place from the residence and the burial will be in Cross Creek cemetery with Masonic honors this afternoon.

The Silk Mill.

Mr. F. R. Rose, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, recently received a letter from Mr. Ashley referring to the silk mill here, which indicated that the owners were well satisfied with the industry up to this time. The mill will be almost in full operation by January.

Mr. Ashley says:

I fully appreciate the hospitality of Fayetteville, and its people, and it gives me much pleasure to know that your honorable body has somewhat of a parental feeling toward our industry.

Jones—Ledbetter—A Beautiful Marriage at St. John's.

At St. John's Church yesterday at 10:30 o'clock a beautiful ceremony solemnized the marriage of Mr. Landon Caldwell Jones to Miss Frances Gresham Ledbetter. The bride, one of Fayetteville's fairest daughters, wore a handsome brown traveling costume and carrying a bouquet of bridal roses, entered the church on the arm of her brother, Mr. J. H. Ledbetter, preceded by the maid of honor, Miss Bert Watson, strikingly handsome in a most becoming grey dress; the bride's maids, Misses Georgia Worth, Marion Mallett, Lizzie Brady, Floy Jones and Bessie McNeill, in white taffeta silk and Gainesborough hats, and the grooms men, Messrs. Chas. P. Wells, H. Lacy Hunt, E. Cliff Cohen, Walter S. MacRae, N. H. McGeachy and Thos. C. Daniels. The groom, with his best man and brother, Mr. Seldon Jones, entered from the vestry room and joined the bride at the chancel, where, surrounded by their chosen friends, they were most impressively joined together in Holy wedlock by the pastor, Rev. I. W. Hughes.

Immediately after the marriage the bridal party were given a delightful breakfast at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Crosswell on Rowan street, and from there they were driven to the A. C. L. station, where they took the train for Jonesboro, the home of the groom.

Tuesday night a reception was given at Ecclesford, the lovely country home of the bride's parents.

The popular young couple received many beautiful and costly presents, notably among which were a solid silver service given by Mr. Seldon Jones, (brother of the groom, a solid silver service from the conductors of the A. C. L., and many handsome presents from friends in Fayetteville, Wilmington, Richmond, Chicago and Jonesboro.

The Attorney General's Opinion—Favorable to Fusionists.

It is given out from Raleigh that the Attorney General has filed his opinion in the matter of the county school boards, saying that retirement under advice of the superintendent was not abandonment of title to the office. This is a matter of much public interest.

A Great Battle in Egypt—The Khalifa Killed.

By cable to the Observer.

Cairo, November 25.—Lord Cromer has received a despatch stating that Colonel Wingate's force came up with the Khalifas force seven miles southeast of Jodid and attacked it. After a sharp fight he took the position. The Khalifa who was surrounded by his body guard of Emirs, was killed and all the principal Emirs were killed or captured, except Osman Digna, who escaped. The dervishes were utterly defeated, the whole camp taken and thousands surrendered. Many women, children and cattle fell into the hands of the Anglo Egyptian forces.

Boers Could Not Distinguish English Officers.

By cable to the Observer.)

Orange River, November 24.—In all, 107 wounded, including several Boers have arrived here from Belmont. One Boer, 17 years of age was compelled to take arms with his father, who is a prisoner. A wounded Boer said twenty men were selected from each Boer section to pick off British officers, but on the advance of the British force the Boer marksmen were bewildered, as it was impossible to distinguish the officers, who wore the same equipment as the men. The marksmen were also unable to make out the sergeants and other non-commissioned officers whose stripes were removed.

Ten Thousand British Reach Estcourt.

By cable to the Observer.

Estcourt, November 26.—A British column of ten thousand strong reached here tonight, and the advance on Colenzo will begin Monday. The railway to Peitermaritzburg is being rapidly repaired. Gen. Buller has established headquarters at Willow Grange station. The Boers have retreated from Freres.

Estcourt, Nov. 27th.—The railroad bridge at Freres, spanning a wide stream, has been destroyed by the Boers, who are reported retiring rapidly. A general advance upon Colenso has been ordered and a flying column has left here to intercept Boer raiding parties. A reliable messenger from Ladysmith says the Boers had planned a combined attack all over the country today.

HAS ENGLAND LOST ANOTHER REGIMENT?

London, Nov. 27th.—Some alarm is felt here for the fate of the Ninth Lancers, who were placed to cut off the retreat at Gras Pan. No news from the Lancers has been received.

Died of Hydrophobia—Others Bitten in a Panic.

By telegraph to the Observer.

West Chester, Pa., November 28th—Joseph Gibbs died early this morning at the Chester county home of hydrophobia after terrible suffering for two days. He was bitten by a dog nearly two months ago. The wife of Gibbs is suffering from the same disease at her home. A number of others were bitten at the same time as Gibbs and there is a veritable panic among them.

What is England Preparing Against?

By cable to the Observer.

London, November 28.—The powerful battleship Canobus and the cruisers Bellona, Scout and Europa have been ordered to Gibraltar to reinforce the formidable Mediterranean squadron. What this mysterious movement means the admiralty is keeping carefully concealed, but as the fleet now at Gibraltar is the strongest ever assembled, this increase has excited widespread comment.

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The English Fight One of the Hardest Battles in Their History.

Ladysmith, it is Reported, Has Fallen.

Great Fire in Philadelphia Five Million Dollar Loss.

Lippincott's and Other Prominent Philadelphia Firms Burned—Methuen Reports Victory at Modder River—Bell Storms Filipino Fastness—Terrible Coaching Accident.

Ladysmith Has Fallen.

By cable to the Observer.

The Hague, Nov'r 29.—A family in Rotterdam has received from a son in the Transvaal a cable reading. "I am all right," which, according to a prearranged agreement, signifies that Ladysmith has fallen.

Great Fire Raging In Philadelphia.

By telegraph to the Observer.

Philadelphia, Nov. 29.—The fiercest fire this city has ever known is now in progress and the loss is already over a million. Partridge and Richardson's large store and the Lippincott building are gone. Firemen are working hard to save other big stores.

Lippincott's loss is one million dollars. The plates of the Encyclopedia Britanica are supposed to be lost. Additional firms burnt out are: Bailey, glassware; Rosenburg, millinery; Strawbridge & Clothier half million, and Lit Bros. loss over three hundred thousand. The total loss is estimated at three millions, and the fire is still burning. Three firemen have been injured. Hallahan's shoe store is gutted.

Lippincott loss is now stated to be three millions and the total loss five million.

One of the Hardest Fought Battles in Annals of English History.

By cable to the Observer.

London, Nov. 29.—Gen. Walker officially reports from Cape Town on the 28th that General Methuen reports: "I reconnoitered at 5 o'clock this morning and found the enemy strongly entrenched and concealed across Modder river. We had no means of outflanking the position as the river was full. The artillery commenced the action, with mounted infantry, and the Guards on the left. I attacked the position with widely extended formation supported by the artillery and found myself in front of the whole Boer force of eight thousand with two large guns, four Krupps and other pieces. The naval brigade rendered great assistance from the railway. After ten hours' hard fighting, the men, without food or water and under a burning sun, made the enemy quit their position. Gen. Pole Carew was successful in getting a small party across the river, assisted by three hundred sappers. All the men engaged behaved splendidly. It was one of the hardest and most trying fights in the annals of the British army. Special mention is due the artillery." It appears that the British, with the exception of a small party, are still south of the river, making the engagement indecisive."

METHUEN GAINS ANOTHER BIG VICTORY.

General Methuen has gained a big victory at Modder river. He defeated the entire Boer army massed at the river under General Conje to dispute its passage, twenty-two miles south of Kimberley. The British numbered seven thousand and the Boers probably about the same. No report of the casualties has so far been received. After ten hours fighting the Boers were driven from their position.

There is great elation at the war office over Methuen's victory which is considered decisive. It relieves Kimberley from the Modder and the Kimberley road is comparatively level and it is possible no further serious stand will be made by the Boers before Kimberley is reached unless they elect to stand at Spytfontein.

NEWS OF FIGHT FROM PRETORIA.

A Pretoria despatch of the 27th says that commandant Dutoit reports that a British sortie from Kimberley Saturday encountered three hundred. Dutoit hastened to their assistance with one hundred men. Nine burghers were killed and seventeen wounded and some missing. The British left on the field one private and one sergeant. It is reported that the British attempted to leave Kimberley from the east side to assist the troops coming from Belmont. The Boer report of the battle of Belmont received via Lorenzo Marquese, says that Commandant Lubbs was slightly wounded. The British repaired the damage to the railway. The Free State troops, overwhelmed by numbers, after a brave stand, were compelled to take another position on the other side of the railway.

Fatal Accident to Coaching Party.

By telegraph to the Observer.

Hazelton, Pa., Nov'r 29.—A Pennsylvania train, this morning, crashed into the Cherby's stage, killing Miss Davidson, of Grafton, W. Va., and Miss Goeddecke, of Butler Valley, and injuring Mrs. Paisely Harwood and Anthony Cherby, of Hazelton.

Bell Storms Mountain Fastness.

By cable to the Observer.

Manila, Nov'r 29.—Col. Bell's force stormed mountain fastness and scattered the brigands under Gen. Aljandrina, at San Miguel, and captured all munitions and artillery. Two thousand insurgents were surprised.

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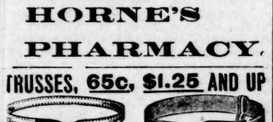

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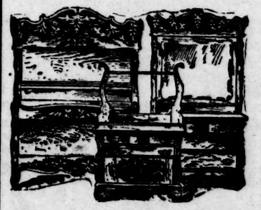

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You will, on Wednesday, the 6th day of December, take the tax books which have been furnished you and proceed at some point in your township to collect the taxes. When you start you will levy upon every person's property who has not paid his taxes, and when you can find no property you will garnishee the party if you can discover that he is working for any one, or that anyone is indebted to him. You will visit every house and make diligent inquiry as to property of any kind out of which the taxes can be collected. If you find that there is serious sickness in any household you will not for the present visit that house. After working in one locality one day you may move to another the next, and thus let all the people know that you will in a few days be to see them. You will be polite to all, but firm in your instructions and conduct. You will show favoritism to none, but let all know that the taxes must be paid. Report to me as often as convenient, and try to finish your work as soon as possible. I intend to be ready to settle with the commissioners the 1st Monday in January, 1900. My deputies will please meet me Monday, 4th day of December, at the Court House at 12 o'clock M., for instructions.

G. A. BURNS, Sheriff
Cumberland County.

Administrator's Notice

Having this day qualified as administrator of the estate of Cynthia A. McKethan, deced, notice is hereby given to all persons holding claims against said estate to present them, properly authenticated, to the under igned, on or before the 28th day of November, 1900. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment

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North Corolina Press on the Late Elections.

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Says the Aberdeen Telegram:

A number of gold standard papers and gold Democrats of the country are urging the Democratic party to throw Bryan overboard and take up some other man, and yet they admit in the next breath that he is the strongest man in the party and can poll the most votes. We fail to see the consistency in the argument they use, or the reason for substituting some other man. Bryan can get elected if any Democrat can, he is as able a man as any man that has been suggested, he is with the great common people on the policy that this country should pursue on the great questions of the day and had certainly done nothing since the last election to lessen the confidence of the people in him. He will be nominated we believe without opposition, and with a strong united fight all along the line, will be elected.

TO BE JUDGED BY HIS ENEMIES.

Says the Jonesboro Progress:

We notice a disposition of the so-called democratic papers in this State to antagonize Goebel simply on the strength of what his enemies say about him. Which is a manifestly unjust procedure. Any man could be convicted in that way. We do not profess to know the exact status of the Kentucky situation. It is hard for anybody to know it, owing to the untrustworthiness of the press dispatches. But we do know that he was opposed by the railroads because he secured the passage of a law establishing a Railroad Commission; that the National Administration exerted itself against him, and that troops were called out on the day of election, by the republican governor, who has since declared that he will use force if necessary to prevent Goebel's inauguration.

FURTHER RESULTS OF ELECTIONS.

Says the Asheboro Courier:

The fact that the recent result of the election in the various States is disappointing to the republicans, is evident to a reasoning mind. The Springfield (Mass.) Republican, a newspaper true to the republican party, but opposed to imperialism, says in discussing the result of the elections:

"The election carries to the administration a terribly emphatic rebuke for its war of criminal aggression. Maryland has swung back to its democratic moorings. Nebraska shows large gains for democrats. As to Ohio, the issue on imperialism was clearly drawn."

The Republican continues:

"The great lurch which sends the president's party in Ohio from large and apparently unassailable majorities in years past into a striking minority, has been brought about by the presidential policy of criminal aggression."

It is true that Nash, a republican, was elected Governor of Ohio, but there was a popular majority of 60,000 against him and the policy of imperialism.

In concluding its editorial the Republican continues to throw cold water on Emperor William McKinley in this manner:

"The verdict of the election raises at once the question of the expediency of Mr. McKinley's re-nomination. It points to the impossibility of electing him in 1900 on the platform he has made for himself, and by which he must now apparently stand or fall."

For Carrying Concealed Weapon.

Thursday before 'Squire McKay Mr. Lauchlin McInnis, of 71st, was charged by one Parker with carrying a concealed weapon.

Messrs. H. L. Cook and D. T. Oates appeared for the prosecution and Mr. J. G. Shaw for the defense. The principal witness was a young man named Blue, and he swore that, while a party of young men were on the way from a religious meeting, some one remarked that in view of the mad dog scare, it was unsafe to go about at night, when young McInnis said he was not afraid, as he was armed, and held something up, which he (Blue), thought was a pistol, but which he could not swear to. 'Squire McKay dismissed the case as frivolous at the cost of the prosecution.

Tobacco Growers, Attention!

We are requested by a number of the prominent tobacco planters of Cumberland to ask all interested in tobacco culture to meet next Saturday, at noon, in the Planters Warehouse, Fayetteville, to appoint delegates to the State Tobacco Growers' Convention, which meets in Raleigh on the 6th of December, and other matters of importance.

A NIGHT OF TERROR.

"Awful anxiety was felt for the widow of the brave General Burnham, of Machias, Me., when the doctors said she could not live till morning," writes Mrs. S. H. Lincoln, who attended her that fearful night. "All thought she must soon die from Pneumonia, but she begged for Dr. King's New Discovery, saying it had more than once saved her life, and had cured her of Consumption. After three small doses she slept easily all night, and its further use completely cured her." This marvelous medicine is guaranteed to cure all Throat, Chest and Lung Diseases. Only 50c. and $1 00. Trial bottles free at B. E. Sedberry & Sons drug store.

"Arbor Day" Exercises—An Inspiring Occasion.

Miss Carrie Mallett,, president of the Confederate Monument Association, with her assistants, offered to those who were so fortunate as to be present a programme of very beautiful and interesting exercises on St. James's Square at 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, the occasion being the observance of "Arbor Day."

The national hymn, "My Country, 'Tis Of Thee," opened the services, skillfully rendered by a choir of ladies, accompanied by Mr. E. L. Remsburg with his clarionet, after which an earnest and eloquent prayer very fitting to the time and circumstances, was offered by Rev. H. T. Graham, pastor of the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. J. A. Oates, editor of the North Carolina Baptist, then gracefully introduced the orator of the day, Capt. E. R. McKethan, whose address reflected great honor upon him for his gifts as a public speaker, his patriotism as a citizen and defender of his country's rights, and his erudition as a close student of the South's thrilling war history. It was heard with close attention and delight, and at its close Capt. McKethan received warm congratulations on all sides.

During the planting of the trees—presented to the Association by Mrs. Worth and Misses Murchison, Campbell and McPherson—the choir sang "Carolina," and the exercises concluded with the reading by Mrs. E. J. Lilly, of an "Ode to The Trees," written by her mother, Mrs. James C. MacRae, wife of ex Justice MacRae, dean of the University law school. It was a beautiful poem, and lost nothing in the hands of Mrs. Lilly, whose powers of elocution are of rare excellence.

Written for Arbor Day, November 22nd, 1899, by Mrs. Jas. C. McRae.

Dearest of all God's Creation
Are the trees, our friends from Childhood.
Loose your hold upon the Present,
Backward turn and wander
Through the land where Youth e'er lingers.
Land of yesterday. The pathway
Leads through many a dasied meadow,
Crystal stream and brushwood tangle,
Crosses many a strip of woodland
Where its leafy boughs are spreading
Over children. There each pilgrim
Finds again himself in Childhood.

He who swings upon the branches,
Oo to climb some tall tree ventures,
Is yourself. And that boy bending
Neath the weight of dogwood blossoms,
Yellow Jessamine and Hawthorn,
With his lips stained red with berries,
Is *yourself*. And he who clearly
Cuts his name on some smooth poplar,
And *Hers* too, and carves beneath them,
Two hearts joined by Cupid's arrow,—
Ah me, is yourself. The maiden,
She who fills the woods with laughter
As she shakes the flow'ring plum tree,
While like snow the blooms fall 'round her.
Is yourself, the child who wanders
What the rustling leaves are saying,
Is yourself,—of all things dearest—
Dearest of all God's creation
Are the trees, our friends from childhood.

And when widens Life around us,
Then we from their silent teaching,
Learn Tranquility's sweet lesson.
Never halting, never hasting,
Without effort always growing,
Spreading boughs for rain or sunshine,
Taking that which Nature gives them,
Dew and frost and shine and shower,
Mingling them with other forces,
Changing them to leaves of emerald.

Sitting at the feet of Nature,
Learn we thus her sweetest lesson;
Reverently we approach her,
Through Cathedral aisles and arches
Built of branches interlacing,
Reverently, it is the Temple!
Let Earth silence keep and listen
To her choristers full throated:
Sweetest symphony is sounding
In the lofty pines above us,
Harps are struck by wings of angels.

Dearest of all God's creation
Are the trees, our friends from childhood;
And when we shall cross the border
May we rest beneath the shadow
Of *green trees* beside God's river!

The Products and Profits in Goat Farming.

We noted last week that our real estate dealer, Mr. Newton H. Smith, had sold to Maine Bros., of New York, 1,000 acres of land and that they proposed to establish on it a goat ranch.

Mr. Smith, quoting Mr. Maine, says:

"The thoroughbred Angora goats are to be used as foundation stock and these crossed with our native stock, will, in four years, produce wool and hides equal in quality to thoroughbred Angoras. The cost of keeping goats is nearest to nothing of any domestic animal of its size, thriving on about every weed, brush or tough grass, being more healthy than sheep or hogs, epidemics never having been known in flocks of goats.

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Mr. Maine is enthusiastic on this subject and freely gives any information he has. His P. O. address is M. L. Maine, Swann's Station, N. C.

The U. S. Government has published a very interesting bulletin which shows this to be a profitable industry and especially adapted to our lands from which the timber has been cut, of which we have many acres that can be bought cheap.

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News of Local Interest.

A trip over that part of the road between McNatts and Hope Mills, says the Lumber Bridge News, shows that very little repair work has been done of late. The discontinuance of the work done on this section of the road which is manifest on other sections is used as an argument that it is the purpose of the authoritiies to discontinue it at no distant day.

Lieutenant Oliver H. Dockery, Jr., who went to the Philippines a few months since as an officer in the regular army, is with the advance troops on the firing line. A copy of "Freedom," a paper published in Manila, was received in Raleigh Wednesday, says the Post. It was an issue of October 14th. A correspondent at San Fernando noted the presence of Lieutenant Dockery and spoke of a brave and skillful act of marksmanship on the part of the young North Carolinian, in which he climbed to the top of a large mango tree inside the American breastworks, and seeing two of the little brown men, one leaning on his gun, and "taking a secure position which afforded a dead rest for his rifle, Lieutenant Dockery fired, killing his man in neat style."

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ISABELLA McP. MONROE,
H. L. Cook, Attorney. Administratrix.

SALE OF LAND.

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By virtue of an order of the Superior Court in Geo. W. Eason *et al vs.* Willie Eason *et al.*, I will sell on Saturday, the

23rd day of December, 1899,

at 12 o'clock M., at public auction for cash at the Market House in the city of Fayetteville, a tract of land, formerly belonging to Wm F. son, situate on the east side of the Cape Fear River, and is the same land conveyed by James D. Geddie to William Eason by deed of January 1, 1882, recorded in Book V, No. 3, page 402 of the records of Cumberlandcounty, and bounded as follows:

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Commissioners' Sale of Valuable Land.

NORTH CAROLINA, } In the
Cumberland Co } Superior Court.

H. W. Lilly and R. T. Gray, executors of E. J. Lilly, deceased, *versus* Thomas G. Hall and his wife Mary R. Hall.

By virtue of the power and authority vested in me by a decree of the Superior Court of Cumberland county, entered at September Term, 1899, in an action therein pending wherein H. W. Lilly and R. T. Gray, executors of E. J. Lilly, deceased, are plaintiffs and Thos G. Hall and his wife Mary R. Hall are defendants, I will offer for sale at 12 o'clock M., on the 9th day of December, 1899, at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, at the Market House in the city of Fayetteville, the following described real estate, situated in Cumberland county: beginning at a stake on the east side of Piney Island, near the big swamp, thence through the big swamp N 73½ E 49 chains and 50 links to a stake; thence S 9 E 19 chains and 15 links to a lightwood stump near a pine point; thence N 82 E 28 chains and 35 links to a stake in John B Hair's line; thence S 10 E 21 chains and 50 links to a stake in the Barksdale line; thence S 80 W 64 chains to the mouth of a ditch at the causeway; thence N 78 W 12 chains and 84 links to a stake in the edge of Piney Island; thence N 11 W 31 chains and 5 links to the beginning, containing 229 acres more or less, being known as the Hall land. See Book I No. 4, page 384, office of Register of Deeds of Cumberland County.

Time of sale: December 9th, 1899, at 12 o'clock M.

Place of sale: Market House, Fayetteville, N. C.

Terms of sale: Cash.

Dated this 4th day of November, 1899.

JAMES C. MacRAE Jr.,
Commissioner.

S. H. MacRae, Attorney.

Executrix Notice.

Having qualified as executrix upon the estate of Miss Ellen Sophia Mallett, notice is hereby given to all parties having claims against said estate to present them on or before October 3rd, 1900. Persons indebted will please make payment.

LIZZIE E. MALLETT,
Executrix.

C. W. BROADFOOT,
Attorney.

October 3, 1899.

Administratrix Notice.

Having qualified as administratrix of the estate of M. H. Hall, deceased, I hereby notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to me for payment on or before the 11th day of October, 1900 Otherwise this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the estate are hereby notified to make immediate settlement.

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Commissioner's Sale of Valuable Lands.

By virtue of an order this day made by the Clerk of the Superior Court of Cumberland county in a cause entitled "H. McD. Robinson *vs.* W. J. McDiarmid *et al.*", the undersigned will sell at public auction to the highest bidder the following described land on Lower Little River, Muddy Creek and Jumping Run, in Cumberland County, viz.:

Beginning at the centre of Muddy Creek, in the middle of Darroch's bridge, and running S 74 E 8.50 chains to the old road; thence as it easterly 22 chains to a ditch; thence S 5 E 14 60 chains to Lower Little River, pine and cypress pointers just below the mouth of Muddy Creek; thence down the river about 16 50 chs to the Old Plank Road bridge place; thence N 37 E 12.75 chs to a stake at or near the corner of the Murchison land; thence S 74 E 16 80 chs to a stake and pointers at the new China Grove road; thence as it eastwardly 28 50 chs to a stake by the road; thence N 59 E 8.50 chs to a stake in an old field, two pines and sassafras pointers; thence N 12½ W 65 chs to a stake, two pines pointers; thence N 52 W 66 70 chs to a stake, one pine pointer; thence S 70 W about 127 chs to the centre of the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley Railroad; hence down said railroad S 22 E 30 chs; thence N 76 E 4 30 chs to a stake and point near a spring; thence N 48 E 8 50 chs to a stake and pointers at Muddy Creek; thence down the various courses of Muddy Creek to the beginning, in which boundaries there are about 1260 acres, and from which is excepted 60 acres owned by other parties and clearly defined, leaving 1200 acres, as per a survey made some years since by J Hector Smith; the said 1200 acres being generally known as "Ardenave" or the old "McDiarmid Home" place.

On this tract is located one of the *best residences* in the county (10 rooms) and outhouses, stables, etc., and the land is of a high quality and well adapted to the cultivation of all kinds of crops. About 500 acres of the land is cleared. On the tract is a fine water power, where the Muddy Creek mill formerly stood. All persons desiring a good home would do well to examine this land. The title is perfect.

Time of sale, Monday, December 11th, 1899, at 12 o'clock M.

Place of sale, Market House, Fayetteville, N. C.

Terms of sale,—One-fourth cash to be paid on day of sale and subject to confirmation, and balance at 6, 12 and 18 months from date of confirmation, with interest from date at 6 per cent. until paid. Title reserved until last payment, or until approved security is given.

For further information apply to the undersigned.

H McD. ROBINSON,
Commissioner.

This November 6th, 1899.

NOTICE.

NORTH CAROLINA, } In the
Cumberland County. } Superior Court.

Nancy Cobb
vs. } Notice to Defendant.
W. L. Cobb

The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Cumberland county, the purpose of the action being to obtain a dissolution of the bonds of matrimony existing between the plaintiff and defendant aforesaid; and the said defendant will further take notice, that he is required to appear at the next term of the Superior Court of said county, to be held on the 10th Monday after the first Monday in September, 1899, at the Court House of said County, in Fayetteville, N. C., and answer to or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This 27th day of September, 1899.

A. A. McKETHAN,
Clerk of the Superior Court.

H. L. Cook, Attorney.

NORTH CAROLINA, } In the Superior
Cumberland County. } Court, before the Clerk.

Ed. C. Smith, adm'r of Eliza Reddick, alias Powell, *against* Georgiana Reddick, Kitty Ann Powell and others

The defendants, Floretta Powell, Hannah Johnson, Penny Powell, Coidren Reddick, Eliza Reddick and Nora Reddick, in the above entitled proceeding will take notice that a special proceeding or action has been commenced in the Superior Court of Cumberland county, N. C., for the purpose of subjecting real estate to sale to create assets to pay debts of the estate of the late Eliza Reddick or Eliza Powell (she being known by both names); and the said defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Cumberland County, N. C., at his office in the Court House of the aforesaid county, on the 11th day of December, 1899, at 12 o'clock m., and answer to or demur to the petition of the plaintiff in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief therein demanded. This November 1st, 1899

A. A. McKETHAN, Clerk
of the Superior Court.

H. L. COOK, Attorney.

North Carolina, } In the
Cumberland Co. } Superior Court.
Calvin Manuel
vs. } Notice.
Lavinia B. Manuel.

The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Cumberland county, the purpose of the same being to obtain a divorce of the plaintiff from the defendant; the defendant will further take notice, that she is required to appear at the next term of the Superior Court of said county, to be held on the tenth Monday after the first Monday in September, 1899, at the Court House of said county, in Fayetteville, N. C., and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This 2nd day of October, 1899.

CHAS. G. CAIN, Deputy
Clerk of the Superior Court.

H. L Cook, Attorney.

Notice of Sale Under Mortgage.

By virtue of the power and authority given by two certain mortgages, executed by Andy Handon and wife Margaret Handon, which are recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Cumberland County, in Books E, No. 5, and F No. 5, pages 28 and 265, the following property will be exposed to sale by public auction, viz: A tract of land lying on the East side of Little Rockfish and on both sides of the Morganton Road, be